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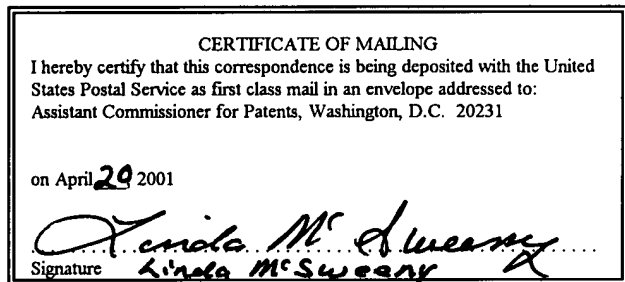
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DIGITAL IMAGE TONE MAPPING USING AN
ADAPTIVE SINOIDAL FUNCTION BASED ON PERCEPTUAL
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Respectfully submitted,

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